

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dakota Rising is a program designed to spur South Dakota's rural economy and is an opportunity to strategically place partners with local communities to invigorate rural entrepreneurs and their enterprises by investing financial and human resources to grow the individual and their business; and,

Whereas, Dakota Rising, in partnership with local sites, works together to help entrepreneurs take the necessary steps to improve themselves and their businesses; and,

Whereas, Eight Dakota Rising Rural Entrepreneur Fellows have been chosen to represent four Dakota Rising areas: Spearfish, 57735 On The Rise, Four Mo T.R.E.E., and GLAD; and,

Whereas, On February 28, 2009, the first Dakota Rising Fellowship Conference will convene and eight Fellows will be awarded \$10,000 to be used for professional development and business growth, working with industry-specific mentors, and they will become members of a fellowship community of rural South Dakota entrepreneurs; and,

Whereas, People have always been South Dakota's greatest asset - working hard and working together to bolster our economy. By using this same strategy, our future can be strengthened, one innovative business at a time:

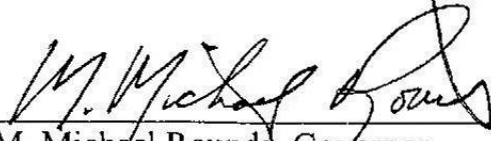
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2009, as

DAKOTA RISING DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State